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FURTHER LIGHT ON ZELAYA'S ACTS

Gen. Medina Delayed Execution Of Groce and Cannon Purposely in Hope of a Reprieve.

DICTATOR WAS INEXORABLE.

Gen. Toledo Asked That Lives of Americans be Spard but to No Purpose.

Managua, Jan. 4.-Gen. Medina today made public letters and telegrams in substantiation of the claim that Gen. Toledo and he did all in their power to prevent the execution of Groce and Cannon, the Americans.

One of the letters received by Gen Medina from Groce on the day of the executions is as follows:

"As a last favor I beg and implore you to delay the execution of the death sentences until answer is received from Kelaya to our plea for mercy. For God's sake let us live. You can hope no longer as a brother Mason to be proven a friend magnanimous and kind. I beseech you to continue doing everything possible to save us. Words are inadequate to express our gratitude for all you have already done for our

Gen. Medina, who was commanded to see that the will of Zelaya was obeyed, declares he delayed the execuobeyed, declares he delayed the execution purposely in the hope that the reprieve would be received from the president on the day preceding the execution in which he was ordered specifically to proceed with the enforcement of the death penalty. Another telegram received by him from President Zelaya on the day after Groce and Cannon had been shot reads:

"I acknowledge your notification of the executions and rejoice that the requirements of the law have been compiled with."

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The following telegram was sent by Gen. Toledo to Medina the day before the condemned men were killed:

"Am telgraphing President Zelaya asking that lives of Cannon and Groce be spared. Suppose you have already done so. I await final decision of the president before proceeding with executions."

tions."

Gen. Medina makes public a telegram received by him from the director of telegraphs and which indicates that Zelaya attempted to prevent Groce and Cannon communicating with the United States consul. The director of the telegraphs or tred.

graphs wired:
"President disapproved your permitting transmission of telegrams from Groce and Cannon to American consul. He will not permit such concessions, as they are liable to place the government in difficulties."

GREEK POLITICAL CRISIS REGARDED AS OVER

Athens, Jan. 4.-The political crisis is regarded as having been passed. The demands of the military league affectring representatives abroad, especially the ministers at Paris, Berlin, Vienna and Rome, have been met by the government's promise to pass a law limiting the age of diplomats and which will reach to the early recall of the four ministers.

SENSATIONAL CLIMAX TO A BRUTAL MURDER

Akron, Ohio, Jan. 4 .- Charles Schmidt, glias Mike Jordan, who last night mur whom he boarded, gave that crime a sensational climax today when he returned to Akron and killed himself in front of the Barnhardt home. The police were searching for him at the time lie committed suicide.

PROF. CHANDLER RESIGNS

New York, Jan. 3 .- Trustees of the Columbia university today accepted the resignation of Prof. Charles F. Chandler, head of the department of chem-istry, who has taught at Columbia for

46 years.

Harlan F. Stone, graduate of Amherst and of the Columbia law school was appointed dean of the law faculty.

NEWS OF MILLS' DEATH RECEIVED WITH SORROW

New York, Jan 4 -News of the sudden death of D. O. Mills at his California winter home was received been prominent. Mr Mills' withdrawal from business and active interest in his various philanthropic enterprises

his various philanthropic enterprises because of ill health had somewhat prepared his friends for the news, although a fatal termination of his illness at this time was not expected.

Although his active participation in business affairs had ceased, Mr. Mills, up to the time of his death remained a director in many corporations. His railroad interests included the holding of a directorish in the New York Central and Lake Shore companies and he held a place as well in the directorates of several New York banks and trust companies and numerous industrial enterprises.

One of Mr. Mills' notable philanthropic enterprises was the establishment of the chain of hotels, the name of which is familiar the country over as "Mills hotels." These hotels, of which there are three in this city, were intended as places equipped and maintained in efficient modern fashion, where meals and lodgings could be furnished respectable men at nominal prices. Mr. Mills always declared that he did not class this enterprise as "philanthropy," maintaining that it was a sagacious public spirit that prompted him in establishing them.

The hotels have been self-supporting. Not long ago Mr. Mills dewellings to three trustees—himself, his son Ogden Mills, and his daughter, Mrs. Whitelew Reid—making stipulations as to succession in membership in the board which will take the work on indefinitely.

While no definite announcement has been made it is believed Mr. Mills' iustrial enterprises. One of Mr. Mills' notable philanthrop-

PRESIDENT TAFT FAVORS RAISING BATTLESHIP MAINE

Taft is heartily in favor of the plan to raise the battleship Maine from the bottom of Havana harbor. The president has informed Representa-tive Lord of Michigan that he desired to see the latter's bill appro priating money for the purpose enacted into law

body will be brought east and buried in the old Sleepy Hollow cemetery, just north of Tarrytown, N. Y., be-side that of his wife.

DR. ROLLER NOT IN DANGER.

Chicago, Jan. 4.-Dr. B. F. Roller, the Seattle wrestler, is in no danger of blood poisoning and will be able to continue his tour with James J. Jeffries in a short time, according to a state-ment made by his physicians at Mercy hospital here today.

ASSISTANT PROFESSORS' SALARIES TOO SMALL

Madison, Wis., Jan. 4.-Eighty per cent of the assistant professors in American universities must supplement their salaries by outside work in order to "make both ends meet." They received, on an average, just enough to suffice for an unmarried man, yet 74 per cent of them are married and have

per cent of them are married and have families to support.

These and other statistics were contained in a paper by Prof. Guldo Marx of the engineering college of Leland Stanford university which was read before the Association of American universities convention at the University of Wisconsin today.

In the absence of Prof. Marx the paper was read by Prof. C. H. Huberich, of the Leland Stanford law school.

"The rapid increase in the cost of living has made the situation of the assistant professor acute," concluded the paper.

SALT LAKE WOMAN KILLED IN DENVER AMERICAN BIBLE SOCIETY

Mrs. B. F. A. Flemming, Cousin President Nephi L. Morris, Crushed Beneath a Street Car.

Word was received from Denver today of the death of Mrs. B. F. A. Flemming, formerly Miss Winnie Jones of Salt Lake, who was accidently struck by a street car Dec. 14. She is a cousin Nephi L. Morris, president of the Salt Lake stake, a sister of Mrs. A. B. Carter, Conway Jones and Hugh Jones of Salt Lake, and Elias Jones of Nephi. Her husband and 4-year-old boy survive her. Mrs. Carter went to Denver, but arrived too late to see her sister

Half a dozen Denver doctors were engaged to attend Mrs. Flemming, who died in the St. Joseph's hospital.

In attempting to cross a corner with woman friend, she was struck by an incoming Broadway car at the corner of Florida street, and was dragged for nearly a block. She received internal injuries, suffering greatly. The matter has been reported to the Coroner and will be investigated. She was popular in Denver, having a wide circle of friends.

SWITCHMEN'S STRIKE.

Washington, Jan. 4.-Negotiations are still pending between the northwestern railroads and their striking switchmen and the Erdman act mediators, Chalrman Knapp of the interstate commerce commission and Commissioner of Labor Neill.

Precisely what can be done by the mediators has not been determined. Neither the railway officials nor the switchmen show any disposition to

H. B. Perham, the representative of the strikers, is yet in the city but had no conference today with the media-tors.

AFTER 46 YEARS TEACHING | MEN IN CONTEMPT OF U. S. SUPREME COURT RELEASED

Washington, Jan. 4.-Having served the terms of sentence imposed upon them by the supreme court of the United States, Jeremiah Gibson, Henry Padgett and William Mayse of Chattanooga, Tenn., were released from the United States jail here this from the United States jain here this morning. For contempt of court in falling to prevent the lynching at Chat-tannoga of Ed Joinston, a negro, under sentence of death, the United States supreme court, on Nov. 15, sentenced the men to 60 days in prison. This time was shortened by 10 days for good

penavior. Former Sheriff Shipp, Luther Williams and Nick Nolan, who are still in prison, will be released on Jan. 28. NEITHER MADRIZ NOR

ESTRADA WORKING FOR PEACE

Washington, Jan. 4 .- So far as the state department knows, no particular efforts are at present being made in Nicaragua either by President Madriz or Gen. Estrada in the interest of peace. A telegram from United States Vice

Consul Caldera declared military activ-Consul Caldera declared military activity continued in Managua.

Unofficial advices indicate that Gen. Estrada is putting his army in readiness for an early move on the capital and that Madriz is hastening an army eastward to meet this force. A conflict, therefore, may be expected before Estrada's army has reached the vicinity of Managua. The details as to the strength and preparedness of either army are entirely wanting, so far as the state department is concerned.

SHERIFF FILES ANNUAL REPORT

Shows Increase in the Fees and Noted Frenchman Was Making a Licenses Over Last Year.

NEARLY THOUSAND IN CELLS MADE SOME GREAT RECORDS

To be Exact 944 Prisoners Were Received at the County Jail-Fifty-Nine Insane.

Sheriff Joseph C. Sharp submitted his annual report to the county commissioners this morning which shows a slight increase in the fees and licenses over last year. The fees, civil department and jail, amount to \$9,151.71 this year as compared to \$7,463.42 for last year. The liquor licenses show a slight decrease because Midvale, formerly called Bingham Junction, was incorporated and carried with it a third of the saloons and 22 butcher shops and stores which were paying licenses to the county. The liquor license amounted to \$22,519.20 this year as compared to \$24,101.11 for 1908. The merchants and butchers' licenses amounted to \$5,322, as against \$5,190.25 last year. The total receipts this year amount to \$36,992.91 as compared to \$36,754.78 for

In the criminal department there were 944 prisoners received at the counwere 944 prisoners received at the county jall. Of this number 225 were charged with a felony and 444 charged with misdemeanors. There were 175 held for the insane asylum, reform school and as witnesses. In 1999 there were 276 convictions, 56 were sent to the state prison and 220 confined in the county jall. There were 59 patients taken to the State Mental hospital and 42 delinquents taken to the reform school. There are now 42 prisoners in the county jail awalting trial.

HAS RAISED \$500,000

New York, Jan. 4 .- A casting up of the books of the American Bible society late today is expected to show that the organization has raised the \$500,000 necessary to secure an equal amount given by Mrs. Russel Sage. This morning's mail brought still further contributions from the south and west and it was expected that, added to yesterday's receipts of upward \$20,000 and Saturday's \$30,000 or more, the \$100,000 found to be needed at the last casting up of the books would be supplied.

Mrs. Sage has not indicated what her course will be if the society should come a little short of securing the stipulated \$500,000. that the organization has raised the

NAT'L GEOGRAPHIC TO **EXAMINE COOK'S RECORDS**

Washington, Jan. 4 .-- Dr. Frederick Cook's polar records are enroute to Washington to be examined by the National Geographic society. According to information sent to Professor J. H Gore, the documents were started from

Gore, the documents were started from Coperhagen on Dec. 21.
Prof. Gore, Rear Admiral Pillsbury, and Dr. William M. Hayes of the geo-logical survey, will examine the papers. Yesterday President Willis L. Moore of the society let it be known that he would not be a candidate for re-elec-

Some see in this one of the reflections of the polar controversy. Prof. More has been president of the National Geographical society five terms. In his letter declining a further election he expressed the hope that a successor would be chosen before the polar fight became an influence in the politics of the society.

FOUR PERSONS DEAD OF PTOMAINE POISONING

Sawtelle, Cal., Jan. 4.-Four persons are dead here and six lie dangerously ill of ptomaine poisoning caused by eating canned pears on Sunday at the home of Mrs. D. G. Vaidez.

All are in a dangerous condition except B. Preciado. Five doctors are in constant attendance.

KILLED ON SOUTHERN PACIFIC Vallejo, Cal., Jan. 4.-The ditching of Southern Pacific engine near here today resulted in the death of Engineer Charles Rossini and the serious if not fatal scalding of Guy Cameron, the

ARIZONA PIONEER SHOT

Globe, Ariz., Jan. 4.-James P. Lind. sey, a pioneer mining man, was shot sey, a pioneer mining man, was such and killed Saturday near Solomonville by Thomas Waddell, aged 18, according to advices received here today, Waddell asserts that he shot Lindsay as the result of a trivial quarrel.

RECLAMATION SERVICE

Taft Will Suggest Loan of \$30,000,000 For Its Use.

Washington, Jan. 4.-In the special nessage on conservation which Presi-

message on conservation which President Taft will send to Congress on Monday, a loan of \$30,000,000 to complete the existing reclamation projects will be suggested.

Western senators who have visited the president during the last few days have been given to understand that such a loan will be recommended in the message. The loan probably would be floated as short term bonds or certificates of indebtedness.

Senator Carter and some of the other western senators are inclined to favor the issue of certificates, but Senator Borah, who is the author of a bill for a \$30,000,000 bond issue, is opposed to an issue of certificates. He believes that an issue of bonds would be taken up more readily.

FOUR BURNED TO DEATH.

Fort William, Ont., Jan 4.—Four persons were burned to death today in a fire which destroyed a boarding house. Five were injured by jumping from windows. The temperature was 20 degrees below

LEON DE LA GRANGE | GEORGE O. CHANEY AVIATOR KILLED

Flight at Bordeaux When He Met His Death.

He Was Among the First in His Profession in the World-Formerly An Automobilist.

Bordeaux, France, Jan. 4.-Leon de la Grange, the noted French aeronaut, was killed while making a flight here today.

Leon de la Grange ranked among the first of the aviators of the world. On Dec. 30 last at Juvisey he broke all speed records. The occasion was an attempt to win the Michelin cup. He did not succeed in beating Henry Farman's record for distance, but did establish a new distance record for monoplanes and a new world's speed record. He covered 124 miles in two hours and 32 minutes, maintaining an average speed of approximately 49 miles an

De la Grange had been a well known automobilist and was one of the first men in Europe to take up aviation. His feats soon attracted wide attention and he is said to have been offered a guarantee of \$10,000 if he would visit the United States.

October last De la Grange made flight at Doncaster, England, establishing a speed record for one mile and 860 yards in 1 minute and 471-5 seconds. His first public flight was made March 16, 1907, at Bagatelle, France, when he ascended in a biplane.

The machine moved 30 feet in the air and descended. Some days later De la Grange made a flight of 453 feet, carrying a passenger.

He continued experiments with a biplane and visiting Rome in 1908, made a flight in the presence of royalty.

Soon afterward at Turin he took a woman passenger on a brief trip. In September, 1908, the Frenchman beat the then existing time record of trveling 15 and two-fifths miles in 29 minutes and 53 seconds. In May, 1909, at Juvisey, he won the LaGatinere prize, making three and six-tenths miles in 10 minutes and 13 seconds. He entered the competitions at Rheims in August last, appearing for the first time in monoplane. He captured the tenth prize for speed and the eighth prize for distance. In September last he visited Denmark and made a flight of 15 minutes duration before King Frederick.

De la Grange's first really sensational flight and the one which made him a contender for all prizes, was accomplished at Doncaster on Oct 26, 1909. At that time he flew six miles in 7 minutes, 36 seconds, or at a rate at times of more than 50 miles an hour. De la Grange exhibited great daring and at times did not hesitate to assume grave risks rather than disappoint crowds which had gathered to see him. On Nov. 5, 1907, he fell with his aeroplane while giving an exhibition at Issy. The machine was smashed but the aviator escaped crushing a crowd of spectators who had taken possession of Soon afterward at Turin he took a

It was also at Issy that De la Grange marrowly escaped crushing a crowd of spectators who had taken possession of one end of the field during his exhibition. This accident happened in May, 190s. De la Grange was traveling at a high speed close to the ground when, his machine swerved towards the crowd. The aviator promptly shut off the power and in descending collided with an automobile.

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During the aviation week at Rheims the propeller of De la Grange's machine broke from its shaft and the aeroplane fell. De la Grange was badly bruised.

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In July last De La Grange was decorated with the order of the Legion of Honor and last month the academy of sciences at Paris voted him a medal for aeronautic achievements. In 1907 De la Grange was elected president of the Aviation club of France.

The name of De la Grange is the fourth to be added to the roll of those killed in a motor power aeroplane, all within 15 months.

De la Grange fell with his machine from a height of about 65 feet and was crushed under the wreckage.

He had been flying in a wind that was gusty and frequently blew at the rate of 20 miles an hour. In spite of this disadvantage De la Grange continued and had circled the aerodrome three times when suddenly, as he was turning at high speed against the wind the left wing of the monoplane broke and the other wing collapsed.

The machine collapsed and toppled to the ground. Death was instantaneous.

ZERO WEATHER TOMORROW

Another Cold Snap Is Due According To the Bureau Forecast. The cold weather continues with

prospects of its being colder on the prospects of its being colder on the morrow, notwithstanding the fact that the mercury fell early this morning to 14 degrees above zero. The weather office expects zero weather Wednesday. There was .10 of an inch precipitation Monday night, in snow, as registered at the bureau. But in the mountains there was a much heavier fail. The western low pressure area has advanced to Colorado and Mexico, and is producing snow and sleet quite generally from the Rocky mountains to Chicago in connection with the extensive high that overspreads the east. From the northwest another high is approaching, with fair, cold weather accompanying it. Temperatures are below normal everywhere except on the gulf coast.

gulf coast.

Temperature for January: Highest last year, 56; lowest last year, 8; normal for yesterday, 29; highest since 1874, 57 in 1809 and 1905; lowest since 1874, 20 in 1883; mean for yesterday, 28.

OPEN HOUSE AT JAIL

The Paul Jail company will endeavor to complete the county fail and the sheriff's residence my May 9, 1910 in order to entertain the sheriff of the western states when they come here to hold their annual convention. It is proposed to keep an open house at the jail during the three days that the sheriffs meet here in convention.

DECIDES TO QUIT

Will Not Accept the Appointment Of First Assistant City Engineer.

HAS INTERVIEW WITH MAYOR

Dr. Samuel G. Paul Files Bond Today And Some Sudden Changes Are Due to Follow.

George F. McGonagle, who was appointed city engineer Monday by Mayor Bransford, will assume charge of the office next Monday, Jan. 10. George D Chaney, who has been in the office for 20 years, and was temporarily appoint to succeed Louis C. Kelsey, wil find himself out of a job. Chancy will not acept the appointment of first assistant which he has held for a num ber of years, it is understood. He was closeted with Mayor Bransford this morning, and, it is said. Chaney refused to accept the office of assistant

again. Dr. Samuel G. Paul, who was ap Dr. Samuel G. Paul, who was appointed health commissioner in the place of Dr. M. R. Stewart, filed his bond of \$5,000 this morning with the city recorder. It was given by the National Surety company of New York. Dr. Paul will take charge of the health department at once and it is expected that some sudden changes will be made in the office force.

Harry Mercer, who was appointed humane officer to succeed "Doc" A. S. Kendall, has not qualified. He will probably file his bond this week and take charge of the office next week.

OFFICERS OF PLOW COMPANY,

W. G. Danielsen Here to Attend Annu al Election of Missouri Corporation.

W. G. Danielsen, president of the Danielsen Plow company of Independence, Missouri, is at the New Wind-He came to Salt Lake to attend the annual board meeting this week when the following officers were re elected: A. W. Ivins, president; W. G. Danielsen, vice president; M. F. Cowley, secretary and treasurer, who are directors, together with: George A. Smith, S. O. Bennion, Jesse Knight and George Rigby. Samuel Peterson was again chosen local manager.

Mr. Danielsen says Independence, which town is of such historic interest to many Utahns, is now a modern little city of 15,000 people. It has 17 churches, and is a pretty and attractive place in which to live.

The Danielsen Plow company owns 18 acres near the heart of the city. Its principal product is steel plows, but this season it will manufacture steam plows on a large scale. Already the elected: A. W. Ivins, president; W. G

plows on a large scale. Already the International has contracted to take all their surplus product for the year.

IDAHO FALLS TRAGEDY.

W. W. Riley Shoots Rival for Wife's Affections and Then Shoots Himself.

(Special to The News.)
Idaho Falls, Ida., Jan. 4.—There was a double tragedy here Monday night. Dr. J. W. Mercer, a veterinary surgeon, was shot and instantly killed by W. W. Riley, who then turned the weapon

tragedy took place without witnesses, in the rear room of the Capital cafe. The men were heard quarreling; the shots soon followed, four in rapid succession, and when Chief of Police Fisher entered the room both men were lying on the floor dead. Mercer's body showed three bullet wounds. The cause of the tragedy is said to be that Mrs. Riley recently deserted her husband and took up her residence at the home of Dr. Mercer. Dr. Mercer has lived in Idaho Falls a year, having come from Iowa, while Riley had been in the town but a short time. Both men were about 45 years old. tragedy took place without witnesses

FEVERISHNESS MARKED TODAY'S MONEY MARKET

New York Jan 4 -- Extreme feverish ness characterized today's money market and this tone was reflected in the unsettled condition of the stock market. The opening rate for call loans was 9 per cent, from which it receded

to 81/2 and then recovered to 9. After the opening demand had been met the rate fell to 614 and during the

met the rate fell to 6½ and during the noon hour the prevailing figure was 8 per cent.

The greater part of the money loaned came from up-town banks and trust companies as well as from private corporations. Out of town banks, including Boston, Philadelphia and Chicago institutions, also loaned money here. The failure of the regular Wall street institutions to lend considerable amounts just now is attributed to their depleted reserve.

Money on call, strong, 6@9 per cent; ruling rate, 8 per cent; closing bid and offered at 6.

Time loans fairly strong; for 60 days, 4½ per cent, for 90 days, 4½ to 4½ per cent; for six months, 4½ 6½ per cent.

Close: Prime mercantile paper at 5@ 5½ per cent.

5% per cent. Sterling exchange firm, with actual business in bankers' bills at \$4.83.90@ 4.84 for 60-day bills, and at \$4.86.75 for

demand.

Commercial bills, \$4.83%@%.

Bar sliver, 52% cents.

Mexican dollars, 44 cents.

Government bonds easy; railroad bonds irregular.

SENATE ADJOURNS OUT OF RESPECT TO SEN. M'LAURIN

Washington, Jan. 4.—Abandoning all business for the day and after being in session eight minutes the senate today adopted a resolution and adjourned in respect to the memory of the late Senator McLaurin.

In offering this resolution Senator Money announced that he would later propose that the senate set aside a day on which tributes to his late colleague might be paid.

Sitting beside Senator Money was Senator-cleet Gordon, appointed by the governor of Mississippi as the succession.

WANTED Copies of The Christmas News

The Christmas News having been entirely sold out, and many orders still being received, news dealers, agents or any others having copies on hand, are notified that full price will be paid for same if returned in good condition to The Descret

sor of Mr. McLaurin until the place shall be filled by action of the state legislature. Mr. Gordon watched with great interest the proceedings of the body of which he will become a mem-

body of which he will become a member tomorrow.

The house was formally notified of Senator McLaurin's death and of the senate's action in adjourning out of respect to his memory, while Representative Douglas of Ohio, was in the midst of a 30-minute speech. Representative Adair of Indiana obtained unanimous consent to address the house for 20 minutes on the subject of government extravagance when Mr. Douglas had finished.

A*resolution of regret offered by Representative Bowers of Mississippi then was adopted and the house, as a further mark of respect, adjourned at 1:15 until tomorrow.

MRS. W. F. JACKSON CAUSES DRAMATIC SCENE

Kansas City, Jan. 4.—A dramatic spectacle was furnished in the criminal court here today when Mrs. W. F. Jackson, the violinist, told the story of assault at the hands of George Reynolds, and John Williams, negroes, on the night of December 23rd last. Barely able as a result of her intense suffering to tell her story in low tones to the jury, Mrs. Jackson had to be held upright in her chair till she could finish her testimony. With extreme efforts she had first arisen in her place and pointing her finger at the two prisoners, screamed: "Those are the men."

men."
Later as Mrs. Jackson was giving her testimony she fell fainting from her chair and it was several minutes before she was sufficiently recovered to

The case probably will go to the jury during the afternoon, It is believed the negroes will be found guilty and re-ceive the death sentence. NO CHANGE REPORTED

ON SALT LAKE ROUTE

General Manager Wells Says Messenger Sent From Acoma-No News From Front.

"So far there is no change in the flood situation," said General Manager R. E. Wells of the Salt Lake Route today, 'The wires are still down west of Callente and we have not yet heard from the messenger despatched from Acoma, a distance of 25 miles, with messages for the agent at Caliente. The messenger cannot get back before late this afternoon. We wish to get word through and learn the situation at the front. Train No. 8 which passed Caliente at midnight, Jan. 1 reported the track safe in the Meadow Valley wash, but that vast quantities of water were coming down the canyon. Train No. 4, due at Caliente at 4:10 is doubtless stalled there. The passengers are being cared for, and everything is being done to facilitate their passage to their respective destinations. There is no danger of loss of life or property, except the damage done to the railroad property by the washout. We are doing everything possible to get the damage repaired, but snowstorms and floods are difficult to handle, and we cannot say when through traffic will be restored." this afternoon. We wish to get word

GRAND JURY AFTER SUGAR FRAUD WEIGHERS

New York, Jan. 4.—Investigation of the sugar underweighing frauds was continued today by the federal grand jury and it was intimated that further indictments, possibly of prominent persons might be expected soon.

Confession stories have been in the air recently and today's report had it that not only had improved revelations been made by employes of the American Sugar Refining company, five of whom were recently convicted of conspiracy to defraud but that employes of other sugar importing firms had become convinced of the advisability of making a clean breast of it.

The grand jury also is expected to take up shortly the investigation of the alleged paper combination, which the federal authorities have been looking into following the action which led to the dissolution of the Manila Fiber pool.

ATCHISON DOUBLE TRACK PLAN. ATCHISON DOUBLE TRACK PLAN.

Albequerque, N. M., Jan. 4.—The first move in the Atchison, Topeka & Santa Fe railroad's plan to double track its road from Chicago to Los Angeles is said to have been taken yesterday when a contract was let to double track the section from Ash Fork to Winslow, Arizona, a distance of 90 miles. The work is to be rushed. It is reported the next step will be the double tracking of the section from Albequerque to Gallup, 150 miles.

INCREASED COST OF LIVING. Washington, Jan. 4.—The increased cost of living was the subject of a concurrent resolution offered in the house today by Representative Hull of Tennessee. It provides for a joint committee of seven members of the house and five members of the senate to investigate conditions and report what remedies may be effected through legislation.

OSCAR MURRAY RESIGNS.

New York, Jan. 4.—Oscar Murray president of the Baltimore & Ohio Rail road company, today resigned, to take effect Jan. 14. Daniel Willard, vice president of the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy railroad, was elected as Mr

IDAHO-WYO. POSTMASTERS.

(Special to The News.)
Washington, D. C., Jan. 4.—Postmasters appointed: Idaho—Enaville, masters appointed: Idaho—Enaville, Shoshone county, Viola R. Staub, vice E. E. Daly, resigned, Farnum, Fremont county, Slas S. Green vice S. O. Green, resigned; Haden, Fremont county, Ida M. Campbell vice D. G. A. Smith, resigned, Wyoming—Phillips, Laramle county, Matida J. Griffin vice L. M. Griffin, resigned. nasters appointed:

SPECIAL MESSAGE PROGRAM CHANGED

One on Interstate Commerce Law Will Not be Sent to Congress Until Next Week.

NO INVESTOR NEED FEAR.

Nor Any Railroad Wanting to Do an Honest Business, Says President Of New York Central.

Washington, Jan, 4.-Another change n President Taft's program of special messages to Congress was announced at the White House today. It was stated that the message on interstate commerce law probably would not go to Congress until next Monday or Tuesday. The anti-trust message is still scheduled for Thursday.

Friday President Taft will send to the senate a brief message transmitting all of the papers and the report of the attorney general concerning the Glavis charges against Secy. Ballinger, These papers were called for by a senate resolution.

The president had intended yesterday to send in his special message on inter-state commerce law changes Friday. It was said today, however, he desired to consult further with members of the interstate commerce committees of the senate and house. It was also stated that the verbal

changes agreed to in the conference with the railroad presidents yesterday would require a re-printing of both the message and the Wickersham bill, embodying the president's views. This bill is to be placed at the disposal of the congressional committees if the members desire it The special message on the conser-

The special message on the conservation of national resources which the president had hoped to get ready by Monday next has been postponed until the latter part of next week.

INVESTORS AND RAILROADS
NEED HAVE NO FEAR "I know pretty well what the bill will provide and I can say it need not alarm the investor nor embarrass any railroad that wants to do business in a straightforward and orderly manner," declared W. C. Brown, today, president of the New York Central lines

president of the New York Central lines.

Mr. Brown was one of the six railroad presidents who conferred with President Taft yesterday on the railroad legislation which the president will recommend to Congress next week on a message.

Wall street and the railroad world have been keenly interested in the coming realiroad legislation and President Brown's declaration allayed in great measure the fears that the message would prove embarrassing to the present control of the country's carriers.

Washington, Jan. 4.—President Taft's special messages on anti-trust and inter-state commerce laws formed the principal topic of discussion at today's cabinet meeting.

The president has an engagement with Senator Elkins of West Virginia, chairman of the senate committee on inter-state and foreign commerce for tomorrow morning. It is said Senator Elkins is undecided whether he will introduce the administration bill drawn by Atty.-Gen. Wickersham and outlining the proposed amendments to the inter-state commerce law. His course may be determined at tomorrow's conference at the White House.

Senator Jones of Washington and Delegate Wickersham of Alaska were at the White House today and asked the president to incorporate in his inter-state commerce message the recommendation that the act shall definitely apply to Alaska.

MEXICAN GOVERNMENT VICTIM OF SWINDLERS

El Paso, Texas, Jan. 4.-The Mexican government has been swindled out of many thousands of dollars by ticket agents who had been carrying on a system of reporting tickets as sold for a shorter distance than they really were shorter distance than they really were purchased for. The agents at Queretero, Luchuria, San Luis Potosi and other places have been arrested.

It is said the swinding scheme was devised by a dischafged American conductor, who sold the idea to the Mexican agents, but the fact was overlooked that the conductors' tickets would not oheck up with the agents' reports and in this way the fraud was detected.

TWO BROTHERS, OVER EIGHTY, BURNED TO DEATH

New Florence, Pa., Jan. 4 .- John and Daniel Utsler, brothers, 85 and 80 years, respectively, were burned to death fo-day in a fire that destroyed their log cabin near here,

NO PATRONAGE FOR "INSURGENT" REPUBLICANS

Washington, Jan. 4 .- A story was I'l circulation among the Republican surgent" members of the house that the administration had definitely decided to withhold from them their quota of patronage, and that from this time forward the active work of disciplining

forward the active work of disciplining the Republicans regarded by the organization as recalcitrant would be prosecuted with vigor.

It was reported that a Minnesota congressman who has acquired the displeasure of the regular organization through his "insurging" acts had been told at the postofice department, for instance, that his recommendations in regard to the appointment of postmasters would receive no consideration. He was given definitely to understand, so it was stated, that the hand of the administration would be against him and he could expect no consideration of any sort.

The rumors went still further and said that active efforts were to be made in the home districts of the Republican "insurgents" to prevent their renomination, and that if this effort failed they would be antagonized at the polis.